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SUBJECT: EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. ROC ABUSE OF OFFICIAL STATUS (SECRET)

MORE VIGOROUS FBI SURVEILLANCE HAS MADE US INCREASINGLY AWARE OF ABUSE OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STATUS BY ROC OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN THE U.S. THERE ARE TWO GENERAL PROBLEMS: USE OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR STATUS BY PEOPLE NOT TRULY ENTITLED TO IT (E.G. KMT YOUTH AND STUDENT ORGANIZERS); AND ABUSE OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR STATUS (E.G. A CONSULAR OFFICER WHO HIRES PEOPLE TO BREAK UP PRO-PEKING OR PRO-TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE MEETINGS). WE HAVE TAKEN INITIAL STEPS TO EXPLORE WITH PROTOCOL WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO TIGHTEN UP PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STATUS IN

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THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND ALSO ARE EXPLORING WITH JUSTICE AND THE FBI MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE DECLARING PEOPLE PERSONA NON GRATA, BUT ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS OF MAKING CLEAR TO THE ROC EMBASSY THAT IT WILL HAVE TO PULL ITS HORNS WAY IN.

2. U.S./ROC BILATERAL TRADE TALKS (L-O-U)

WE UNDERSTAND THAT TENTATIVE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF U.S./ROC BILATERAL TRADE TALKS TO START ON MAY 16 IN WASHINGTON. THE ROC DELEGATION WILL BE LEAD BY VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS Y. T. WONG. STEPHEN LANDE, ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WILL HEAD THE U.S. SIDE. THE U.S. OFFER LIST OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS WAS PASSED TO THE ROC LAST WEEK, BUT THE REQUEST LIST SPECIFYING TARIFF REDUCTIONS WE WISH THE ROC TO MAKE HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED AND STILL MUST BE CIRCULATED FOR INTER-AGENCY REVIEW. THE GROC WILL HAVE TO REVIEW BOTH LISTS BEFORE FORMULATING ITS OWN POSITIONS. STARTING THE TALKS BY MAY 16 MAY BE TOO OPTIMISTIC A GOAL.
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